

**District 5M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2009
Ney Nature Center, Henderson, MN**

District Governor Darwin Mathwig called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Given by PDG Marlys Meskan

Break to eat: Reconvened at 7 p.m.

Roll Call: Taken by Lion Cindy Walters, showing 46 present, 7 absent.

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to approve by Lion Mike Vos, 2nd by Lion Lori Klein, MC.

Secretary's Report: Everyone was e-mailed or mailed a copy of the minutes. Correction made: Zone 7 Fall Zone Meeting will be November 4, not Oct. 27th as stated in the minutes. Motion to approve with correction by Lion Janet Hall; 2nd by Marv Grimm, MC.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dale Oldenburg had a copy of his report for everyone. The report showed income of \$36,921.36, expenses of \$18,578.23, Fund balance of \$18,578.23. Reverse side showing Cash Flow 7/1/09 through 10/23/09 total of \$43,764.42. Unpaid dues: Albert Lea, Chaska, LeSueur, Mankato, Owatonna, Shakopee Valley and Watertown. Motion by PID Maynard Rucks to accept the report, 2nd by Lion Bill Curtis. MC. Taxes came back a couple of weeks ago, Motion to approve audit by Lion Ron Dahlke, 2nd PDG Marlys Meskan. MC

Communications: PDG Lowell Peterson has had a serious stroke and is in St. Gertrude's, room 404. DG Darwin passed a card around and gave an update on his condition.

Old Business:

1. **LCIF Grant Glencoe Lions:** PDG Bill Curtis gave a brief report on the status of the LCIF Grant the Glencoe Lions Club applied for in the amount of \$31,481.50, for the Glencoe Senior Center. It has been submitted. There are three more questions to answer prior to any movement on the grant.
2. **Return of Band Money (parade):** DG Darwin reported on the \$400 band money that was sent in by 5M2 for the International Convention parade expenses. The money was sent back by the Convention Committee as not needed for this expense. Motion by Lion Darlene Breamer to give the money directly to the bands for their expenses. 2nd by Maynard Rucks. MC.
3. **Minneapolis International Convention Update:** PID Maynard Rucks reported that the gas cards for working at the International Convention were in the mail for those who had a refund coming. Maynard also reported that we did too good of a job with the International Convention as LCI told us not to wait so long to bid another convention. Because of those comments the MD5M council decided that we should bid 2015-2017 conventions.
4. **DGE International Convention Expense (possible dues increase):** PDG Wayne Neubarth reported on a proposed amendment to the 5M2 by-laws. The purpose of the amendment is to increase the amount of Annual Tax (dues) paid annually by members to 5M2 to help defray the travel expense of the spouse of the incoming district governor (District Governor Elect) to attend the International Convention by 50¢/member. Rationale: Lions Clubs International (LCI) has been paying the expenses of the incoming district governor and spouse to attend the convention and the governor's training that precedes the convention. LCI has changed its policy and will only pay a \$500 stipend to assist with the costs of the spouse to attend the convention. Depending on the location of the International Convention, this stipend amount will not go very far for a weeklong training/convention. LCI deems it important that the spouse of the incoming district governor attend the convention and the events associated with the convention. In view of this, it is recommended that District 5M2

establish a District Governor Elect Spouse Fund to help defray the spouse expenses. It is the intent that this fund will cover only the un-reimbursed travel expenses of the spouse and that any excess in this fund would carry over to the following year. The annual assessment by MD5M of \$1/member for the past five years to fund the Minneapolis International Convention will be dropped at the end of the 2009-10 Lions Year, thus the annual dues/member will not increase if this amendment is adopted. Questions arose regarding why the funds for Int'l Convention Fund (enough money in the account for someone to put a campaign forward) and 2nd VP Campaign Fund (capped at \$200,000) were no longer necessary. Reason given was because there is enough money currently in those accounts to cover a candidate from 5M2. Motion by Lion Lyle Hinz to present the 50¢ dues increase to the membership at the Winter Convention, 2nd by PDG Mary Spille. ID Debra Wasserman stated that the language in the motion needs to match what is in the language by LCI, and the motion should be sent to legal as well to ensure compliance with rules of audit. MC. PDG Wayne will talk with ID Debra to ensure correct language.

5. Project New Hope: PDG Tom Ferleman reported on the committee findings regarding adding this project to the Parade of Green. The committee consensus at the present time was to not add Project New Hope to the Parade of Green because the feeling is that there will be no extra Parade of Green dollars and we would hate to have less money given to successful currently funded projects. Project New Hope can solicit funds from clubs and be an approved project. Lion Steve Wasserman asked which projects are approved District projects. That is a good question and perhaps the Historian or some other member of the Cabinet could research this and return with a list of approved 5M2 projects. DG Darwin will follow up with the Historian.
6. Foundation Fighting Blindness: ID Debra Wasserman reported that there was nothing in any records at LCI showing any contact from this organization to Lions International. She has not heard back as of yet.
7. MD5M 2011 Convention: Not much to report since Jungle Days meeting. DG Darwin and PID Maynard have been talking and the committee will need to begin meeting in the near future. Committee starts reporting to MD5M about its progress in July.
8. Corrections to Directory: DG Darwin's cell phone number is wrong in the book, actually is: 612-741-1058.

New Business:

1. Mid Winter Convention Report: Reported by PDG Mike and Lion Sue Vos that convention planning going well, registration forms are available – will be on-line and in the newsletter, it is a two-part registration. Registration for hotel has to be mailed to hotel with one night deposit. Credit card will not be charged until February. Castaways will be playing Friday night with a Look A Like Contest to go with the Gilligan Island theme; Saturday night will be a talent show put on by Lions. Holiday Inn changed to City Center hotel, prices stayed comparable; registration meal packet went up slightly as well. DG Darwin stated he has heard that more people will be coming this year than last. PDG Rick doubts that it will be as much fun as last year.
 - a. Display Tables – Hotel needs to know which program chairs need a display table prior to convention.

Region/Zone Reports:

Region 1 Lion Janet Hall called on Zone Chairs of Region 1. Region meeting was September 16th at Shakopee; 122 lions in attendance 23 out of 24 clubs in attendance. Total membership in Region 1 is 1094. Break out session presented by Brian Theis on Improving Membership.

- Zone 1 Lion Duane Jindra – 9 clubs in Zone 1; 279 members +4 for year. Have made club visits to: Glencoe, Hutchinson Lioness, Silver Lake, Lester Prairie, Hutchinson, New Auburn, Brownton and Plato. During club visits explained about the contest for attending other Zone 1 Club Functions. Also has implemented a new active calendar on line for everyone to go on and see what is happening in Zone 1. All clubs have access to correct and to add new events on the calendar at anytime. The web site is my.calendars.net/lions_events. Fall zone meeting will be November 24th at Brownton Community Center with 6 p.m. social, 6:30 meal and 7 p.m. meeting. Spring Zone meeting will be April 14th at Lester Prairie City Hall; 6 p.m. social, 6:30 meal and 7 p.m. meeting.

- Zone 2 Lion Marvin Grimm - 7 clubs in Zone 2; membership is at 460 +4 from last report. Chaska club is forming a Leo Club at Chaska High School. 26 Lions attended the Region 1 meeting. Fall Zone 2 meeting hosted by Carver Lions on November 9, 2009; Spring Zone meeting will be hosted by Chaska Lions on March 29, 2010. All clubs have reported activities completed and reported many upcoming activities.
- Zone 3 Lion Harry Klenke – There are 8 clubs in Zone 3, Belle Plaine has 28 members, Jordan–58, The Jordanness–38, New Market-Elko-Webster–63, Prior Lake–36, Shakopee–93, Shakopee Valley–18, and Veseli–24. Slightly down in membership from August 372 to 368. Club visits have been made to Belle Plaine, Jordan and NEW explaining the changes in the Zone Meeting format. Zone meeting will be held November 30 at the OK Corral outside of Jordan. It will be hosted by Jordan Lions.

Region 2 Lion Kevin Blank, called on the Zone Chairs of Region 2. Region 2 includes 19 clubs and 4 Leo clubs; 790 members, with one club not reporting. Region 2 meeting was held on September 29, 2009 at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Of the 19 clubs in Region 2, 16 were in attendance. One from each Zone did not attend. A total of 103 Lions and guests attended.

- Zone 4 Lion Dennis Hewitt reported there are 6 Lions clubs in Zone 4 with the following memberships: Courtland–18; Gibbon–37; Lafayette and area–57; Nicollet–70; St. Peter–65; Winthrop–31. Fall Zone Meeting, November 2 at the Nicollet American Legion, Social at 6 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m.
- Zone 5 Lion Donna Wolter - Started the year with 246 members in 7 clubs and the number has remained constant. One Leo Club has reported and increase of 4 members. There was good representation from all clubs at the International Convention. Fundraising events have included: food sales at various events, pillow fluff, State Fair ticket sellers, beef dinner, tractor pull, serving at wedding dances, pancake feed, steak fries, craft sales to name a few. Donations have been made to food shelf, drinking fountain project, Relay for Life, eye bank, fire department, local baseball clubs, high school activities, All Star Baseball, Youth Exchange, Camp Needlepoint, Cub Scouts, etc. Completed projects include working at baseball tournament, National Night Out, Blind Magician, back pack project, bloodmobile, eye glass and hearing aid collection, family picnic and dictionary project.
- Zone 6 Lion Bruce Lieske – 6 Lions clubs including Faribault, LeCenter, Lonsdale, Montgomery, Northfield and Northfield Cannon Valley. LeCenter has 50 members completed dictionary project and omelet breakfast; Faribault has 64 members completed dictionary project and working on Peace Poster contest; Lonsdale has 40 members successful fall softball concessions stand and pancake breakfast; Northfield has 45 members recently awarded scholarship, helped Meals on Wheels program and donate to Project Sight First; Northfield Cannon Valley has 33 members completed DG visit, upcoming event is 25th Anniversary; Montgomery has 34 members completed the dictionary project and held pancake breakfast. Fall Zone meeting November 16 in Lonsdale.

Region 3 Lion Lyle Hinz called on the zone chairs from Region 3. 20 clubs, 617 members, Zone meeting 92 members in attendance

- Zone 7 Lion Norma Schmitt – 6 clubs with 163 members; All clubs are rather informal and do not follow Robert's Rules of Order. Fall Zone meeting November 4 in Winnebago; Spring Zone meeting will be March 22 in Lake Crystal. Interested in surveying clubs as to why members have left.
- Zone 8 Lion Allie Larson – 6 clubs with 214 members. Activities of the clubs have been: Toys for Tots, dictionary project, Bar Bingo, Pork Chop Dinner, Habitat for Humanity, Golf Tourney, Confidence Learning Center, Memorium to Hearing Foundation, hosted 2nd VDG and DG visits, Peace Poster contest. Zone meeting November 10 at Ellendale at the United Methodist Church at 6 p.m.; Goal this year is to get their faces and information out in the public and encourage everyone to become a part of the Lions organization. Spring Zone meeting April 27th in Owatonna.
- Zone 9 Lion Bill Bowman – 8 clubs with 241 members; all clubs are different but very enjoyable time visiting all 8 clubs. Fall Zone Meeting is December 1 Crescendo Restaurant in Albert Lea; Spring Zone Meeting is April 6 in Alden. Some projects that have been reported include: bingo stand, highway cleanup, dictionary project, ring toss stand, World Service Days project, mint sales, Pies for

Eyes fundraiser, Christmas Dinner Theater (December 5, 2009), Meals on Wheels delivery, Peace Poster, chicken/sweet corn feed, Farming of Yesteryear gate project, Spaghetti supper, Recycling assistance for senior citizens. Very busy Zone.

DG Darwin Mathwig commented on how well the Region meetings have gone so far this year. Thanks to all Region and Zone Chairs on their work to date. Program chairs should contact Club Presidents to schedule programs as opposed to scheduling them at the Zone meetings. The MERLO team will be doing a presentation at the Zone meetings. There will be discussion and round tables focusing primarily on New Membership and Retention. If program chairs would like a table to display programs they need to contact the Zone Chair hosting the meeting. Membership is down 70+ members so far this year, thus, there needs to be a concerted effort to recruit and retain members which is why this is the focus of Zone meetings.

International Director Comments: ID Debra Wasserman spoke on the many activities happening at the International Board. She highlighted several that affect us as a District: Travel expenses for District Governor Elect spouse...the correct term at LCI is "one adult companion". This allows for those who are not married but in a committed relationship to travel with the appropriate person. No longer will Delegate forms be mailed to every club secretary for international convention (46,000 letters were mailed with this form). Visa is needed to travel to Australia in addition to passport. Council of Governor's at their meeting voted to endorse the 2nd VP candidate, Wayne Madden who lives in Indiana. Council has decided to open the endorsement process in our Multiple District to endorse a candidate for International Director. 5M5 and 5M6 are hosting the International President on January 8 and 9th.

1st VDG Comments: 1st VDG Eunice Rucks addressed the cabinet with the appropriate protocol. She recently attended VDG training where many topics were covered including Diversity and other Leadership topics. She then called on the Committee Chairs for their reports.

Committee Reports:

Computer & Technology Support: Lion Steve and Lion Lori have been answering questions and e-mails that have been received. The new M&A seems to be working without major glitches. Updates to the website have been occurring as new information is available or requested to be added.

Conventions/USA Canada Forum: PDG Rick Wagener reported US/ Canada Forum was Sept. 23 - 27, 2009, in Memphis, TN. It was a spectacular conference that he did not have the pleasure to attend.

District Activities: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported Information regarding the 2010 Necrology Service and the 2010 Mid-Winter 1st Timers contest will be given to all clubs at the upcoming Region Meetings. The 2009-2010 Sydney Snowman pins have been ordered and will be available at the upcoming Region meetings.

Diabetes Foundation: Lion Arne Leen reported on behalf of co-chair Lion Roger Storms, they have put on four diabetes programs. Have three dream catcher plaques to deliver, have delivered two. Attended Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. in St. Cloud. Plans are being discussed as to future. Volunteers are being asked to serve on several committees. Also, went to Diabetes Expo at the Minneapolis Convention Center. Several programs have been completed and many displays with brochures on diabetes. There was a large turn out of people and many suggestions on treatment of diabetes. Four Camp Needlepoint scholarships have been given out.

Hearing & Service Dogs of Minnesota: Lions Darlene, Vern and Deb attended a training session at the Hearing & Service Dog Center in Mpls on Saturday, August 22, 2009. Toured facilities and learned about the programs. In December they will be moving to a larger building in New Hope. Heel and Wheel event raised \$45,180.50 by all people attending the event. There were 4 Lion teams, which is down from last year. The next fundraiser is "The Fetching Ball" to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the Minneapolis Marriott SW. A table for 8 guests is \$1,000. The cost for individual tickets are \$75 ea. Reservations are needed by October 30, 2009. November 14, 2009 is "Fall Graduation" for the current teams. This will be at 1 p.m. at the Anne Sullivan School in Minneapolis, MN (free of charge). Chairs are trying to do club visits.

There is one confirmed club visit but would like to present the program more, goal is to do club visits prior to Mid-Winter Convention so clubs may be willing to donate more to Hearing and Service Dogs of Minnesota.

Historian: Lion Ken Farrell reported, via submitted report, that all the History Files are up to date, with all the available information that he has as of this date.

Journey for Service: Lion Jack Webster reported this year's Journey for Service is going to be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, April 7-9, 2010. Last year we collected \$15,344 which brought our 19-year total to \$284,196 – or nearly \$15,000/year. DG Darwin will be accompanying Lion Jack on the Journey. Lion Jack is looking for all clubs to return the sheet with the name of the 'contact person' from their club, listing a convenient place to meet with the club member. Together we can make this another Successful Journey for Service so that those less fortunate than ourselves can benefit by your generosity. Thanks you in advance for your help, your cooperation, and your donations.

LCIF: Lion Ron Dahlke reported he is looking forward to promoting LCIF. He attended all three Region meetings, and was able to introduce himself to many of the Club Presidents at those meetings. Some had questions regarding LCIF, while other had concerns that have been addressed. Primary emphasis will be educating the Lion, Lioness and Leo members of 5M2 about the mission and success of LCIF and its importance to LCI. A letter of introduction has been given to all Club Presidents in 5M2, asking them to consider scheduling a LCIF presentation. One presentation has been completed and five future presentations have been scheduled. LCIF Support Staff has begun the process of providing Lion Ron with program reports including: current and historical Club LCIF donation data; Campaign Sight First Phase II donation data; Melvin Jones Fellowship listing; grant history for District 5M2 and more. Thanks for your continued support.

Leader Dog: Co-Chair Lions Shirley Hespenheide and Joan Blank; presentation was given to the Mankato Lions Club on September 3. Also attended Lafayette's 30th Club anniversary and was pleased to have the tail twisting money given to Leader Dog. Also received a generous donation to Leader Dog from the Silver Lakes Lion Club. Co-chairs are gearing up to go out and speak to more clubs regarding Leader Dogs for the Blind. We plan on attending as many of the Zone Meetings as possible and continue the Leader Dog Can Challenge between Zones. Two upcoming presentations to give at this time: Vesli and Owatonna. Prior Lake Lions is in the top 20 Lions Clubs for giving to Leader Dogs.

LEO Clubs: Lion Al Heidorn reported a little Leo Club activity since the last cabinet meeting. The Chaska Lions are going to charter a Leo Club in the Chaska High School. They have 12 members already and have held a new membership drive last Wednesday at the High School. They would like to hold a Charter Night sometime in the first two weeks of December so that they can be active before the holidays. They had three very excited kids go to the Leo Leadership Forum. Also, talks are underway for chartering a Leo club in Watertown. There was an advisor lined up last year, but he changed districts this summer. A possible replacement has been found due to the hiring of a new principal to the school who is already a Lion. They have eight possible starting members and will be asking around for interest.

Liberty Day: PDG Mary Spille reported that she has worked her way through the abundance of materials supplied by the previous chair, Lion Duane. One goal accomplished. She has learned that there is not an abundance of previously printed programs to share with others so, hopefully, these can be gleaned as more programs are presented. This fall she has presented programs to the Hamburg and Veseli clubs. She does have confidence that there will be programs in these areas. There are two Liberty Day programs scheduled in Shakopee and Jordan. More booklets will need to be ordered. Chair hopes to present an article to the district newsletter and website.

MD5M Hearing Foundation: Co-Chairs PDG Mike Vos & 2nd VDG Susan Bowman. The Hearing Foundation Board of Trustees met October 3. The board approved funding request of over \$125,000 for research grants to the Department of Otolaryngology and the Children's Hearing Center. Chairs were guides for the Lions Hearing Center/Eye Bank tours on October 17. They also had a booth at the state fair which was a great

opportunity to visit with and educate the public about the Lions. The Children's Hearing Center continues to conduct two clinics a month, to date 150 children have been treated. Lion Vern Bremer and the MN Lake Lions donated more wooden cars for the patients. The Dr. George Adams Golf Tournament was held August 25 with 96 golfers participating and raising \$25,000. Each year the Foundation funds a Cochlear Implant Picnic. This year 170 people participated, a great opportunity for implant recipients to support one another. Following the October 3 board meeting, members received additional training and materials to use for club visits. Continue to collect used hearing aids for refurbishing. Board members also received information on affordable hearing aid resources.

Long Range Planning: PDG Tom Ferleman reported that he continues to encourage Lions to make a 5 year plan. This plan should include both personal life and where they will be as a Lion in 5 years. Also working with Clubs, encouraging them to write a 5 year plan. The MD5M long range plan is currently being updated.

Minnesota Lions Eye Bank/Children's Eye Clinic/ MAC: Co-Chair Lion Jean Dahlke & PDG Marlys Meskan reported they were in attendance at all three Region meetings. In addition the Board met October 2 & 3 in St. Cloud for a Strategic Planning session of planning for the Eye Bank during the next three to ten years. Dr. Krachmer gave an update of what is going on in the Dept. of Ophthalmology at the University of Minnesota. One of the duties of the board is to approve or deny grant requests. All grants were approved. One grant of particular interest was approved for Dr. Terry, one of the retina specialists. He is doing research in connection with red meats and macular degeneration. He has found that patients he has seen, who are vegetarians, show no signs of macular degeneration. There is also an emphasis in the Dept. to Prevent Blindness in Infants and Children. There are fifteen specialists in the Dept. with an opening for another retina specialist. The 10,000 Signatures Campaign will be continued through 2010 which is the 50th Anniversary of the MN Lions Eye Bank, Inc. Thanksgiving for Vision will be held Saturday, October 31st, at the Earle Brown Center in Brooklyn Center. Letters will be sent to all clubs in the district requesting an invitation to present an Eye Bank program to club members.

MERLO Team Orientation: Lion Nancy Mathwig reported, she hopes to take advantage of her many club visits as the partner in service of District Governor Darwin, to orient all club members on Lions Club International/the Multiple District and District 5M2. Having well informed members will assist the other members of the MERLO team as they work to increase membership by extending a new club, retaining our current members and extending membership to others. Watch for her Orientation display and table information at Region and Zone meetings as well as at club visits.

MT Extension: PID Maynard Rucks reported that we have a new Leo club to be chartered possibly on the 8th of December. The Club Branch is now up to 10, they are installing one new member tonight. Have not started on any new areas yet (Mother Nature is not cooperating with harvest).

MT Membership: Lion Steve Wasserman reported that he participated in the following activities as District 5M2 Membership Chair:

- MD5M MERLO Training September 12 in St. Cloud
- Meetings with DG Darwin and other members of the 5M2 MERLO Team
- Attended two Region Meetings, participated in meetings with Club Membership Chairs, and offered three LCI Membership handouts for each club
- Written three monthly articles on membership for the 5M2 Newsletter

MT Retention: Lion Jeff Williams is still learning his job, but looks forward to a great year. Actively working on a presentation that will promote discussion within the clubs about member retention. Will be contacting Club Presidents and making himself available for club visits. The Hamburg Lions have requested a visit early next year.

MT Leadership Development: Lion Brian Thies reported the training with the membership committee members at the Region meetings has been well received even though attendance has been light. The discussion that has taken place is informative and helpful. It is hoped as with anything that is new, the more

often it takes place, the better attended it will become. The MERLO Team will be present at each of the upcoming Zone meetings with break out sessions with what the MERLO Team can do for your clubs. New officer training has been scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2010 at the hotel formerly known as the Holiday Inn Downtown Mankato (City Center). There will be a special session for incoming Vice Presidents dealing with the making of an agenda, parliamentary procedures, and everything it takes to run a meeting but were afraid to ask.

Newsletter Editor: PDG Bill Curtis reported the newsletter is off to a great start, DG Darwin & Lion Nancy have been doing a great job getting articles and photos in for the newsletter. Subscriptions are \$9/year for the newsletter. Currently having photos from clubs in the newsletter. The next newsletter will be getting out in the next couple of weeks. Now is the time for those who have articles for the upcoming issue to get them emailed to PDG Bill as soon as possible.

Protocol/Public Relations: Lion Paul Stahler reported Three region meetings were attended. At two of the meetings the facilities were not exactly handicap accessible causing some Lions members to miss the meetings. One facility had steps that would have required a handicapped Lion to sit in a dining room separate from the rest of the group and a good distance and out of hearing range from the activities. The other location had a non-functioning elevator. We need to be sensitive to the needs of our handicapped members for region and zone meetings, and thoroughly investigate whether a facility is truly handicap accessible as claimed by the management. World Service Day and fall community fests are an excellent opportunity for Lions clubs to show off the importance of their organization. Lions Clubs participating in these community events should be sure to publicize Lions' activities with a picture and a brief caption in their local newspapers to show what Lions Clubs do for their town. "Lions Lights on for Life" is a continuing project of PDG Rick. At the region meetings window stickers, truck magnets, and posters were distributed to our zone chairmen. More are available if Lions clubs need additional materials by contacting PDG Rick or myself. Thank you to the zone chairmen and committee members and Lions that helped promote the project. Also, thank you to the region chairmen who put the LLOFL logo on their region meeting agendas. T-Shirts with the LLOFL Logo can be ordered from Lion Shellie Guenther in Lester Prairie for \$15. \$2.50 of that will go to the LLOFL project. Additional ideas are welcome.

Spring Point Project: IPDG Rick Wagener report, at this point, \$1150 has been turned in for donations. A program has been completed with the Green Isle Lions Club. Two are scheduled: Hamburg and Lafayette. As of this time there is no new information on the progress of type 1 Diabetes through the Spring Point Project. Program pigformation to the clubs was presented to the clubs at the 3 Region meetings.

Youth Exchange/Youth Camp: Lion Norma Syverson reported she has contacted the Presidents of each local club (via email through their Zone chairs) to arrange for a meeting with their local club to give a presentation regarding the Youth Exchange Program.

Youth Outreach/Peace Poster: Co-Chairs Lions Sheila Stahler & Janet Knakmuhs reported the theme for 2009 is "The Power of Peace". The kits are available for \$9.95. It is not too late for your Lions Club to be involved in the Peace Poster Contest. If any Club needs help getting the contest started-Lions Janet and Sheila will be happy to help. If there is more than one school participating, each club may submit 1 poster from each school. The deadline for the contest is November 15, 2009. All posters must be received by November 15 in order to be eligible to be judged. Please the Peace Poster Chairpersons to send all posters to Lion Sheila Stahler in Prior Lake (address is in the directory). Peace Poster Chairpersons-remember to check the posters for the accurate dimensions. All posters must be no smaller than 13" by 20" and no larger than 20" by 24". Last year a few posters had to be eliminated because the posters were too small. The Rules and Conditions can be found in your Peace Poster Kit. The 2008-2009 winning Peace Poster depicting the theme "Peace Begins With Me" was Yennie Shyu from California. We would like to thank all the clubs that participated in last year's contest. The contest is a perfect opportunity to reach out to the students in the community and give them a chance to show what peace means to them.

Lions Quest: Lion Cathleen Williams reported that the second Teacher training held in Waconia. Thirty-nine

teachers and principals attended. This brings six schools in which every student will benefit from this training. Last spring we were able to attend eight Zone meetings. They attended the three Region meetings this fall. It was at the Region meetings that we were able to have personal contact and asked to be considered for presenting our program. In every case the clubs appeared to appreciate our initiative in requesting to come to their clubs. They made appointments to visit twelve clubs and have already been to three clubs. The chairs are in the process of applying for a Core 4 Grant. The training in August cost \$11,426.95. Currently the Lions Quest 5M2 budget shows that there is only \$3,809.01. \$6,900 has been allocated to other Outreach programs. While we can anticipate approximately \$3,000 coming in at the Parade of Green, without the Core 4, there will not be enough funds to schedule training for August 2010. There are currently 15 to 20 teachers wanting the Lions Quest training. If the Core 4 Grant is received, we must be able to provide local matching funds of \$8,333. That should be doable with the amount anticipated from the Parade of Green over a three-year period.

2nd VDG Comments: 2nd VDG Sue Bowman was also at the MERLO training in St. Cloud. She feels that this is going to be an outstanding year. Training is a process, not an event...we will be number one in a short time. Thank you for all your work.

Announcements –

- Don't forget to take mid-winter materials off of head table.
- Thanks to Roger and Shirley Hespenheide for helping to set up this meeting room.
- Zone chairs should grab a banner from the sidewalk if they want to have one.

Motion to adjourn made by PID Maynard Rucks, 2nd by IPDG Rick Wagener at 9:01 p.m. MC.

All detailed reports are on file.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Cindy Walters